

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A masking member for attaching to a part of an article to which a coating should not be applied, said masking member being made of a polymer alloy having a sea-island structure containing in which polyolefin in forms a continuous phase, and one or more kind(s) of engineering plastic selected from among a group consisting of methylpentene copolymer, polysulphone, polyethersulphone, polyphenylenesulphide, polyphenyleneether, polyamideimide, polyetherimide, and polyether etherketone in a dispersed phase. and/or modified polyphenyleneether forms a dispersed phase and said masking member is manufactured by vacuum and/or pressure forming of said polymner alloy sheet.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein said polyolefin and ~~one or more kind(s) of said engineering plastic~~ polyphenyleneether and/or modified polyphenyleether are mixed together at a weight ratio of between 20:80 and 80:20.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein rubber-like material(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 5, wherein said rubber-like material(s) is(are) styrenic rubber-like material(s).

Claim 7 (previously presented): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 1, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim ~~8~~ 1, the thickness of said polymer alloy sheet being in the range of between 0.1 mm and 1.5 mm. ~~has a thickness in the range between 0.2 and 40 mm.~~

Claim 10 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 11 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein rubber-like material(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 12 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 3, wherein rubber-like material(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 13 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 2, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 14 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 3, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 15 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 4, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 16 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 5, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.

Claim 17 (new): A masking member made of a polymer alloy in accordance with claim 6, wherein compatibility aid agent(s) is(are) further added to said polymer alloy.